UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
The United States of America,	§	
Plaintiff,	<b>§</b> §	
Versus	§ §	CRIMINAL NO. 4:13-cr-00363
James W. Ham,	§ 8	
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Defendant.	8	

## CASE STATUS REPORT

## TO: THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

After conferring with the Assistant United States Attorney, the following joint status report is submitted for the Court's consideration:

Defense counsel has recently submitted a preliminary mitigation investigation report to the United States Attorney. This information is currently under review in the executive offices of the United States Attorney here in Houston. After that review is concluded the local office will make a recommendation to the Attorney General as to whether the government should seek death. The Attorney General will make the ultimate decision after his office reviews the recommendation of the executive office here. We are not aware of any particular time schedule for these decisions but all the parties are aware of the schedule set by this court.

Respectfully Submitted,

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